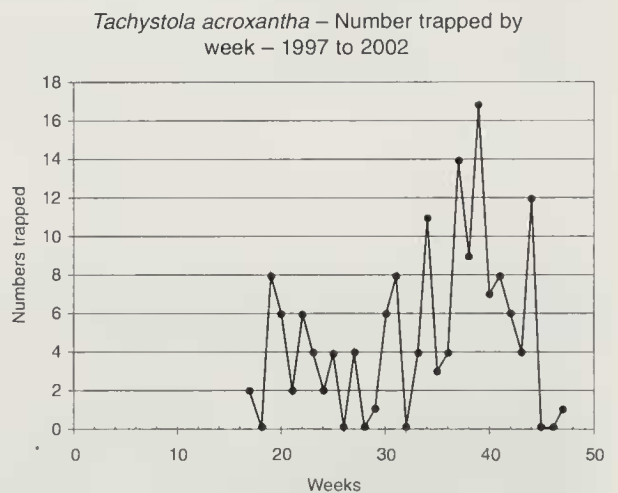
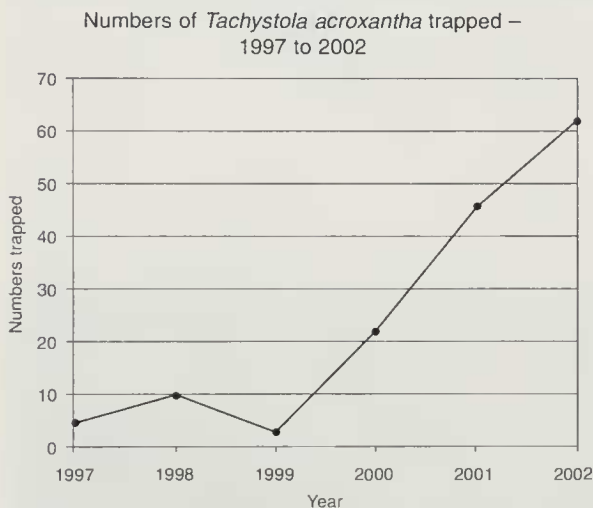


The flight period of *Tachystola acroxantha* (Meyrick) (Lep: Oecophoridae)

Since discovering *Tachystola acroxantha* in my garden in 1997 (Ent. Rec. **110**: 83) I have continued to trap this oecophorid regularly each year. Initially, my trap was a Heath trap – but in 2001 I built a skinner type trap with a 15W actinic light and the numbers of *T. acroxantha* trapped have increased as shown by the graph below.

In examining these data it is clear that my findings are in agreement with the newly published Volume 4 of *The Moths and Butterflies of Great Britain and Ireland* (Harley Books), where it is stated that moths have been found from late April to November. My earliest date is 23 April (in 2002), with a latest date of 24 November (in 2001).

Plotting the numbers caught each week of the year using my accumulated data is interesting, as it seems to show two peaks for this moth – with a small peak at week 19 and a larger peak at week 39. Although the distribution seems to be bimodal I think that more data needs to be accumulated before one can conclude whether this moth occurs in two generations or is continuously brooded. More moths are trapped towards the autumn and the highest total in one night was seven on 29 October 2002.



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